



**Update for 2021 Aloha, Hive, Lanakila, and YLP Families
from Vanessa Mendillo Riegler, Executive Director
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Dear 2021 Aloha, Hive, Lanakila, & YLP Families,

Hello from snowy Vermont! I hope you are well and enjoying the season.

From my conversations with many of you, I know you are eager to hear details about our safety guidelines and plans for the summer. We are just as keen to share the information with you. You will play a key role in helping us protect each camper and staff member, as well as the local and more distant communities to which we each belong.

The Aloha Foundation leadership team and I are working closely with experts from the State of Vermont, local and national camping associations, and our medical consultant and COVID task force to finalize our operating plans—and allow the flexibility we need to adapt in this rapidly changing situation. Our focus is on planning for the safe return of campers and staff, while continuing to offer the quality programs for which the Alohas are known.

We expect to be able to provide you more particulars next month (mid-late March). This will include more information about quarantine and testing requirements, the “pod” or “bubble” environment that will help us operate safely at camp, the drop-off procedure and timing for Opening Day, daily activity modifications (how campers’ schedules will be organized and how we expect to do trips, for example), transportation, and more.

As a brief overview, we expect:

- Campers and counselors will remain in small group “pods” for the first week to 10 days of camp to minimize exposure to others.
- We will hold activities outside whenever possible.
- Campers and counselors will wear masks and remain six feet apart when they are not with their pods.
- There will be regular handwashing and sanitizing built into the schedule and supervised by counselors.
- No visitors will be allowed on campus this summer (no Show Weekend/parents’ weekend or visitors for picnics or day trips, even if guests are vaccinated); vendors or deliveries who need to come to campus will follow strict protocols.

- We will be limited in the transportation options we can offer this year (airport pick-up, bus to/from NYC). Most families will be delivering campers to Fairlee by car.

We look forward to sharing detailed plans next month. Thank you so much for your understanding and patience as we gear up for a great summer ahead!

Warm regards,

Vanessa

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